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Claims 11-18 were rejected under obviousness-type double patenting. Although Applicant still disagrees with the rejection, in order to expedite prosecution a Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith to obviate the rejection.

Claims 3-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the Bogen patents 5,073,504 and 4,847,208. That rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

As previously noted, each of the '208 and '504 patents discloses a system in which fixed connections were provided through tubing 10A to the individual slide housings. There is no movement of dispensers relative to the housings under microprocessor control as required by the claims. In response, the examiner has stated:

Applicant's states the remainder of the references have not been properly applied because they fail to teach movement of the fluid dispenser. These remarks are not commensurate in scope with the claims, which only require relative movement between the dispenser and the slide. The cited prior art clearly teaches movement of the slides to be positioned under the dispenser.

The undersigned disagrees with both the characterization of the prior argument and of the present scope of the claims. Though the claims do not require movement of the dispenser, they do require relative movement between an orifice of the dispenser and the slide housing under microprocessor control; that is, either the orifice or the housing must move. Further, it is relative movement between the orifice and the housing, not between the dispenser and the slide, that is required.

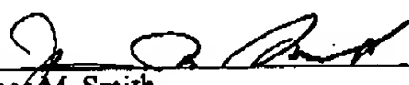
In each of the Bogen patents, one would pivot the slide chamber (housing) 4 and move the slide relative to the dispenser when placing the slide within the housing. However, the dispensing orifice 10 is fixed to the housing, so the two are not able to move relative to each other, and they certainly do not move under microprocessor control.

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In view of the above remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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